



Fairfax County Commission for Women

The commission's charge is to **promote the full equality** of **women** and **girls** in the county.



Commission for Women Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2015	Time: 7:17 – 9:02 pm	Location: Government Center, Room 232
Meeting Commenced	Chair Bhatnagar called the meeting to order at 7:17 pm.	
Commissioners Present	Cynthia Bhatnagar, Chair, Mason; Sondra Seba Hemenway, Vice Chair, At-Large; Barbara Lippa, Treasurer, Sully; Laura Sizemore, Student Representative; Kathryn Winters, Springfield; Maria Vorel, Mount Vernon; Mattie Palmore, Minority At-Large; Emily McCoy, Lee	
Commissioners Absent	Binh Nguyen, Dranesville; Miriam Swydan Erickson, Providence	
Vacant Seats	Braddock District, Hunter Mill District	
Visitors	Joanne Killeen, Sharyn Salecki	
Recorder	Michelle Mueller	
Staff Present	Ina Fernández and Michelle Mueller	
1. Resignation of Commissioner Julia Boone		
Discussion	Chair Bhatnagar reported that she was informed by Supervisor Hudgins that Commissioner Boone had resigned.	
2. Introduction of Visitors		
Discussion	Visitors Joanne Killeen and Sharyn Salecki introduced themselves.	
3. Approval of December Minutes		
Discussion	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the December 2014 minutes.	

Conclusions	Ms. Lipa moved to approve the minutes, and Ms. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of December Financial Reports	
Discussion	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the December 2014 financial reports.
Conclusions	Ms. Lipa moved to approve the financial reports, and Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
5. Friends of the Commission Update	
Discussion	<p>Ms. Hemenway reported that she and Ms. Mueller attended the December meeting of the Friends. She relayed to them the Commission's desire for a joint meeting, and discussed ways they can support and communicate with the Commission. Ms. Hemenway reported that they are eager to start fundraising. The Friends' Program Committee will support the work of the Commission.</p> <p>Ms. McCoy pointed out that the Friends need to be careful not to add names to their email list without permission. Ms. Mueller reported that in response to former Commissioner Kari Warren's offer to organize a fundraiser for the Friends, they would like to have her join them to inform them about fundraising.</p> <p>Commissioners suggested February 27 at 7 pm for a joint meeting with the Friends, with February 13 as an alternate date. Chair Bhatnagar and Vice Chair Hemenway said that they would attend the Friends meetings.</p>
6. Human Trafficking	
Discussion	<p>Chair Bhatnagar reminded Commissioners that the Human Trafficking Awareness Month proclamation would occur the following morning and asked Commissioners to attend. She also reminded them of the workshop on January 25 which was being cosponsored by the Commission. Ms. Mueller distributed the calendar of Human Trafficking Awareness Month events she created for the proclamation. Chair Bhatnagar stated that the next meeting of the Commission's Human Trafficking Committee would take place on January 29 at 7 pm at the Mason District Government Center.</p> <p>Members of the Fairfax City Commission for Women will be attending to plan a joint activity.</p>

Conclusion	
5. Retreat	
Discussion	Ms. Vorel reported that Ms. Winters and Ms. Hemenway would join the retreat planning committee, which had not yet met.
7. Women's History Month	
Discussion	<p>Ms. Hemenway reported that the planning committee had selected Edith P. Mayo to accept the Women's History Month proclamation. Ms. Hemenway and Ms. McCoy summarized her accomplishments. Visitor Joanne Killeen described Shirley A. Ginright and Ms. Sizemore described Grace H. Wolf.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller agreed to request a WHM proclamation on March 3.</p> <p>Commissioners discussed creating a standing committee to plan WHM proclamations.</p>
Conclusion	<p>Ms. Vorel made a motion to accept Edith Mayo as the recipient of the WHM proclamation. Ms. Sizemore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Lipa reminded everyone that she had recommended creating standing committees for recurring events such as WHM.</p> <p>Ms. McCoy and Ms. Hemenway volunteered to join the standing committee.</p>
8. Turning Point Suffragist Memorial/Video	
Discussion	Ms. McCoy reviewed that Channel 16 had offered to produce two 5-7 minute videos rather than one longer video. She edited her proposed storyboard to fit the new length, and she and Ms. Mueller met with Donna Monacci, head of Channel 16. The producer will be Valerie Bey and they will begin production in April. Ms. Vorel encouraged creation of an outreach plan to share the videos beyond Channel 16's distribution.
11. Workplace Violence Policy	
Discussion	Ms. McCoy reported that the presentation for the Chambers of Commerce was being revised. The DVPPCC Community

	Outreach Committee created the dissemination plan, which would be discussed at the April DVPPCC meeting.
12. Student Advisory Group	
Discussion	Ms. Mueller reported that had not made followup contact with the Student Advisory Group since the December meeting.
13. Community Reports	
Discussion	<p>Ms. Palmore reported that there would be a January 31 NAACP event at Lansdowne Library. She reported that the Mt. Vernon High School Opportunities Neighborhood was asking for volunteer mentors. Ms. Palmore reported that she and former Commissioner Kari Warren would be appearing on Community Chat on Channel 10.</p> <p>Ms. Sizemore reported that Arts for Autism</p> <p>Ms. Lipppa reported that she would attend Supervisor Frey's State of Sully on the following Monday.</p> <p>Ms. Vorel reported that she would be participating in Supervisor Hyland's Town Hall on January 31.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller distributed a list of the materials she can provide for distribution at community events. She asked Commissioners to consider authorizing purchase of more imprinted pens to distribute at events, as well as coffee for Commission meetings.</p>
Conclusion	<p>Ms. Vorel moved to authorize purchase of coffee for Commission meetings whenever needed. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Vorel moved to authorize purchase of 1000 imprinted pens. Ms. Winters seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p>
Additional Meeting Information	
Meeting Adjourned	The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.
Materials Distributed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda for January 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes for December 2014

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Next Meeting	February 9, 2015 at 7:15 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, conference room 232.